To the School Com^tee of the
Board of Home-Missions — Feb. 16/86 —

The W^n Eje. Com^tee at your request, & for their own information have investigated the matter of boarding scholars in day-mission schools — & found necessary to do this in fact — on account of the increased number of such pupils taken, and the consequent increase of special contributions for their support — and the importance of regulating and duly authorizing such boarding-pupils in our Teachers' homes, as may seem proper and best —

We Report as follows —

1st) We find there are 23 such pupils — now in the homes of our teachers —

11 of these are supported by our teachers wholly or in part —

12 are supported by Societies —

2nd) We find the reasons given for receiving said pupils to be

1st For the good of the children — Some are orphans — destitute of friends — the parents of some have moved to where there is no public school — others give unusual promise of future usefulness —

2nd — For the sake of company, and a certain amount of protection in a teacher's isolated home —

3d. That the teachers not taking such pupils, some of them evince a great desire to do so — One writes "I would be glad to do this" — Another "the ~~loneliness~~ loneliness is terrible"

4th — That the children from neglected homes may be taught home-hold duties, and also assist our over-burdened teachers in their ~~duties~~ work —

3rd) We find that the average expense of keeping one of these boarding-pupils is $1.50 a week —

4th) As the matter of receiving such pupils by our teachers rests, the Mt Eye. Com^tee has no power to regulate it — but it is expected just to pass on as a "special" any money received without question as to its use, nor as to its being needed —

Therefore, the Mt's Eye. Com^tee proposes to adopt the following Rules — in regard to Boarding pupils in day-Mission Schools — subject to approval or change by the B^d of Home-Missions — and asks that the support of such scholars may be recognized as a part of the regular work of the Mt's Eye. Com^tee —

1st Resolved — That a teacher of a day-School be limited to not more than two Boarding-scholars —

2nd No child to be received as a Boarding-Scholar in any case without application to, and consent of the Ms Eye. Com.ee / Board of Home Missions

3rd No teacher shall solicit money for Board, or for clothing, for any such Scholar without the approval of the Ms Eye. Com.ee —

4th — Not over $75.00 a year to be allowed for the board of such Scholars —

5th Teachers shall give in their regular Quarterly Reports — a brief statement concerning such boarding-Scholar — including bill for its board during the Quarter —

6th — Societies are to send all money for support of said Scholars — The Ms Eye. Com.ee

The above Resolutions do not apply in cases where a teacher adopts a child - and does not receive aid for its support from any Society connected with the Woman's Exp. Conv.n —

F. E. H. Haines, Sec-
F. B. Walker "

The Women's Executive Comtee feel compelled to submit some suggestions to the gentlemen of the School Comtee in view of the dissatisfaction of some that seems to exist with our present methods of work. This is largely due to the great increase of the work and the fact that methods that were safe and effective when our receipts were but $5000. or a year are not satisfactory in the disbursement of such a sum as $300.000 —

A long discussion was held on Tuesday on some weaknesses of our present system of work, and a Comtee meeting held yesterday with two business men, whose practical knowledge of accountants we felt might suggest to us details which we as women are ignorant.

Resulting from these discussions we now submit the following suggestions.

First, that we have a treasurer of our own on salary in our rooms, who shall receive from Mr. Estes a daily statement of the disbursements made for the Comtee & book to be kept by the treasurer in which a double page can be taken for each school, recording the sums

the payments shall be made.

All bills to be laid before the Finance Comtee for approval, but teachers' salaries to be paid as they come due without consultation with Exec Comtee.

As to the authorizing of payments of small expenditures often requiring haste, we ask if the sanction of one member of the School Comtee would not be sufficient.

We also ask if there are any disbursements we can order without appealing to the School Comtee, as at present there is frequently delay in waiting to lay matters before a regular meeting of that Comtee.

We also ask if the Woman's Exec Comtee may be represented at the meetings of the School Comtee for a short time, & either by our Ladies Secretary or by some member of the Woman's Exec. Comtee appointed in her place.

The need of a superintendent of buildings on the field is strongly felt by the Woman's Exec-Comtee. And in this connection, in order that our buildings be put up with less misapprehension as to cost, we ask that no plans for buildings be approved by the School Comtee, ~~that~~ unless also approved by the Woman's Exec. Comtee.

Lastly that we feel the need of additional force in Board of Home Missions of a third secretary who will devote his time largely to the School work and visit thoroughly the educational work on the field.

It is believed that these measures are all absolutely necessary to the continued usefulness of the Women's Executive Com^tee in work to be carried on on the present scale. Unless the Board of Home Missions is content to have the work of the Women's Executive Com^tee diminished and fall off, these, or some similar means must be employed to satisfy what we cannot deny are just criticisms upon the methods to which we are at present limited.

S. S. Brownell. Rec. Sec.

Dec - 12th / 1879.

In replying to the suggestions which were submitted by the officers of the Woman's Executive Committee at the conference held December 12th instant, the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions would take occasion to express the appreciation, in which the intelligence, the fidelity and the devotion of the Executive Committee are held by the Board, an intelligence, which has organized and is now maintaining institutions of learning and beneficience in distant parts of our country; a fidelity, which is watchful of each new opportunity and prompt in the improvement of the same; and a devotion, which rejoices in the privileges of enlarged service with its attendant sacrifice. It is a distinction which is recognized and prized, to be associated with devout women, who are daily ministering unto the Lord.

We take pleasure in saying that an earnest effort is now being made by the Board to secure a third Corresponding Secretary, whose presence in the office will at once increase the efficiency of the Executive management at every point of our work. In the selection of such an officer due regard will be had to the present demands of our schools.

During a portion of each monthly meeting, the School Committee will be gratified to have the Senior Secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee present for conference; and it will be the endeavor of the Chairman of the School Committee to wait upon the Secretaries of the Executive Committee before each monthly meeting to receive any communications, which it may be desirable

to place in his hands.

The organization of the work of the Board through Synodical agencies relieves us of the necessity and of the expense of employing a Superintendent of buildings, ordainarily the Synodical Missionary can act as Superintendent, and, in the judgment of the School Committee, with greater efficiency, through his knowledge of men and affairs in his own section, than a stranger could. Should especial occasion arise, calling for the service of a Superintendent, we should prefer to employ one to meet the emergency, and as a temporary expedient.

The importance of securing complete and satisfactory methods in the administration of funds need not be emphasized. Credit is sensitive. Unless the Treasury of the Board is wisely controlled, the churches will cease to contribute, the banks will refuse to loan, and the workers will go unpaid. Hitherto, the School account has been dependent upon the Treasury of the Board. At the present time, advances to the amount of $80,217.44 have been made by the Treasurer, Mr. Eaton. Without these advances, the School work would be arrested and great suffering would be experienced. The banks know the Board through the Treasurer, and his mercantile paper is accepted; while efforts to borrow money from the banks on the credit of the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee have not been successful.

Under these circumstances, the School Committee cannot but believe that the officers of the Executive Committee will

appreciate the absolute necessity of very close sympathy with the approved financial methods of the Board. The work is one; whether conducted by preachers or teachers, and it is our conviction that one treasurer, Mr. Eaton, should pay all bills and hold all vouchers. Even the bills, now paid out of the treasury of the Executive Committee and by their Treasurer, should, in our opinion, be paid by the Treasurer of the Board. This would secure uniformity and accuracy, and would inspire confidence.

The suggestions with reference to statements and accounts have received careful consideration, and it seems wise to us that a Cashier, on a salary, should be appointed by the Woman's Executive Committee, whose duty it should be to receive, to acknowledge and to deposit in bank all contributions addressed to the Woman's Executive Committee; to keep a complete set of books, exhibiting appropriations voted to each school, and payments on the same as made, and also accounts with all workers in connection with the Executive Committee. To this Cashier, the Treasurer of the Board should make a statement of disbursements, as often as the needs of the work may require.

It should also be the duty of the Cashier to pay over to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, at least twice each month and more frequently if desirable, such contributions as may be in the bank, subject to her draft, and checks drawn on this bank account shall contain the signatures of the Cashier and of one of the Secretaries of the Woman's Executive Committee in order to be

valid.

It is impossible in the judgment of the School Committee, to formulate a definite rule with reference to the responsibilities in undertaking new work between the times of monthly meetings. We prefer to trust to the good sense and christian Spirit which have always ruled in your councils, urging you to keep in close conference with the executive officers of the Board, as you plan new work and to refrain from going forward into new projects unless there is a cordial agreement respecting the same and until the approval of the Board has been secured..

We have replied at length to your suggestions, because of their importance. May we say in conclusion that we wish to co-operate with the Executive in making this whole work a most efficient agency in the evangelization of our beloved land.

The above report was presented to the Board, at its meeting held, Dec. 24. 89. and by it referred to the Womans Executive Committee.

Attest O. C. Boyd Rec Secy.

The Women's Executive Com^tee would respectfully submit the following reply to the paper received by them from the School Com^tee.

First. That the attention of the School Com^tee be called to the fact that we ask to be represented at meetings of said Com^tee by one female secretary or by some member of Exec. Com^tee appointed in her place.

Second. That though the School Com^tee do not think it advisable to appoint a superintendant of buildings on the field, the Exec. Com^tee still feel the need of some one whose duties shall be, not only to superintend the erection of school buildings, but who will have the entire school work in charge; and they feel the necessity

we never will not have the time to meet all the requirements of this department. The Com^tee are unanimous in their opinion that Dr. McMillan is the well qualified to fill this position. They would call attention again to the request that no plans for building be approved by the School Com^tee unless also approved by the Executive Com^tee

Third. As to the duties of our treasurer, we do not ask that the disbursements funds, but that the receipts from Mr. Eaton, a daily & weekly statement, as circumstances may warrant, of his disbursements for us.

Fourth. That no more be request for the undertaking of new work without consultation with the School Com^tee, but ask if the sanction of the

member of that Com^tee would not be sufficient in the payment of small expenditures often occurring here.

The Women's Free-Com^tee thank the School Com^tee for their courtesy and kind expressions of appreciation, and trust they will see in these appeals to them, only a desire to work wisely intelligently and effectively in our common cause.

S. S. Burnell. Sec. &c

Jan. 24th. /90.

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

Feb. 26th. 1890.

The following Rules for the more efficient direction of the School Work, having been approved by the Woman's Executive Committee and the School Committee, are respectfully submitted to the Board;-

1st.- During a portion of each monthly meeting of the School Committee, the Senior Secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee may be present for conference; and whenever it is desirable that other representatives of the Woman's Executive Committee shall appear before the School Committee to explain the work, the request for such representation shall receive the favorable consideration of the School Committee.

2nd.- No plans for work - Educational or Structural - shall be approved by the School Committee unless also approved by the Woman's Executive Committee, or until there has been a conference with the Woman's Executive with reference to such work.

3rd.- Inasmuch as emergencies in the work frequently arise between the meetings of the School Committee, and prompt action becomes necessary, the Woman's Executive Committee is empowered to meet the same, with the approval of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Board and one member of the School Committee to authorize their action.

4th.- A treasurer, who shall be paid a salary of per annum, shall be employed by the Woman's Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to receive, to acknowledge, and to credit in a book prepared for the purpose, all contributions and receipts to the Woman's Executive Committee. These contributions shall be deposited, at the close of each day, with the treasurer of the Board, who shall give a receipt for the same, and who shall pay all bills, duly audited and approved on account of the Woman's Executive Committee. Bills to an amount (to be hereafter agreed upon) per annum, for office and incidental expenses, shall be paid on the warrant of the Finance Committee of the Woman's Executive Committee; while all other bills shall be paid only after the approval of the Board has been secured through the report of the School Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee to keep a careful record of the entire School work of the Board, noting receipts and disbursements on account of teachers, pupils, and buildings; and to this end, the Treasurer of the Board shall make an itemized Statement, each week, of the disbursements on the School Account to the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee.

The above Rules were adopted by the Board of Home Missions at its regular meeting held Feby 25th 1890.

Attest O. E. Boyd Rec. Secy.

New York Feby 26. 1890

The resolution passed at a conference of the School Committee and of the Board, the officers of the Board, and the officers of the Woman's Executive Committee, on December 3, 1895, was as follows: "We would ask the School Committee and the Board of Home Missions that we might invite Dr. Jackson to address popular meetings in Philadelphia and other places, to which he would be asked by the ladies, in connection with our Synodical Societies.